

**MINUTES OF
FAUQUIER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
July 25, 2012
7:00 P.M.**

*2nd Floor Conference Room – Warren Green Building
10 Hotel Street
Warrenton, VA 20186*

Members Present: Peter S. Eltringham, Chairman, Ed Moore, Vice-Chairman, Adrienne Garreau, Tony Tedeschi, Matthew Sheedy and J. David Cubbage

Members Absent: R. Holder Trumbo, John Green and Jeffrey Walker

Guests Present: Peter Schwartz, Marshall District Board of Supervisors, Roy Tate, VDOT, Sergeant Mailler, VA State Police, First Sergeant Ray Acors, Sheriff's Department

Staff Present: Rick Carr, Susan Eddy and Meredith Meixner

- 1. Resolution of Appreciation for J. David Cubbage***
- 2. Resolution of Appreciation for Frederick P.D. Carr***
- 3. Approval of May 30, 2012 Committee Meeting Minutes***

ACTION: On motion made by Adrienne Garreau and seconded by Tony Tedeschi, it was moved to approve the May 30, 2012 Committee meeting minutes as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

- 4. Old Waterloo Road – Penny Reed Request***

Mrs. Eddy gave an overview of the speed reduction request for this road and the speed study that had been done by VDOT.

Mr. Eltringham confirmed with Mr. Tate and the law enforcement officers present that they had an opportunity to look through the speed study.

Mrs. Reed stated that since late summer of 2011, the citizens have been to three transportation committee meetings and during that time, they have witnessed more accidents. Mrs. Reed

provided further data and documentation, including photos of the March 16th and June 12th accidents in order to support the citizen's request that VDOT redo the speed study.

The committee agreed that a number of issues should be revisited by VDOT. These issues include bicyclists, pedestrian activity, current crashes since the previous speed study, an accurate count of school bus trips, and an accurate count of trucks, including the type. The committee also wanted documentation of those who reviewed the study.

Marshall Supervisor Peter Schwartz indicated the accident data is compelling enough to have VDOT lower the speed limit, adding that the study is obviously inaccurate. In his view additional signage would overwhelm drivers, and there is no funding available for shoulder work. Lowering the speed limit would be a quick and inexpensive solution to a very serious safety problem and would save lives.

Mr. Bob Leonard added that most driveways have poor sight distance.

Mr. Tate agreed to go over the issues of the study with the transportation engineer and report back within 60 days.

Citizens requested the signed/dated version of the speed study.

Mr. Eltringham requested that traffic calming methods be considered as well.

Mr. Sheedy noted that Wilson Road, which is Waterloo Road extended, has a 45 mph limit.

Mr. Moore felt that 60 days is too long for these citizens to wait. Mr. Eltringham added that for a new study to take place, school needs to be in session.

Mr. Eltringham requested that the transportation committee meet and review the facts and study with VDOT staff before it is stamped. Mrs. Eddy agreed to set up a meeting with the VDOT Transportation Engineer.

ACTION: Roy Tate agreed to review the issues discussed at the meeting with the VDOT Transportation Engineer and report back to the committee within 60 days.

5. *Weaversville Road – Ashley Babb & Richard White Request*

Mrs. Eddy stated that the previous request to VDOT included an evaluation of pavement markings, but that VDOT only provided a study performed in 2001 and crash data. The school division said they had submitted the school bus stop sign request to VDOT but to date it had not been posted.

Mr. Tate agreed to look into the school bus stop sign request and noted that the pavement width will need to be evaluated to see if it qualifies for center lines and shoulder markings.

Ms. Garreau recommended a new speed study be performed.

Mr. Sheedy added that the committee had already asked VDOT to evaluate the pavement and signs, and was to report back by the May 2012 meeting. Mr. Tate agreed to also look into missing signage.

After discussion, Ms. Garreau felt the new speed study should not be performed yet and believes the committee should consider Mr. Tate's findings first.

ACTION: VDOT will look into missing signage, evaluate the pavement for center and edge lines, and will look into the school division request for a school bus stop sign and report back to the Transportation Committee.

6. *Litter on Route 66 Ramps – Mark Nesfeder Request*

Mrs. Eddy reiterated Mr. Nesfeder's request since he is unable to attend Wednesday meetings.

Mr. Tate stated that No Parking signs should not be moved closer to the road because it would create safety issues.

Sgt. Mailler stated there is no rest area along Route 66 between Northern Virginia and Frederick County. In the past, there was a paved rest area in Markham with a port-o-potty, but it is now closed and fenced off.

Mr. Eltringham suggested staff look into the Markham rest stop to see if it can be re-opened and for VDOT to find out what formal action Fauquier County needs to take to initiate the opening of the Markham rest stop.

ACTION: Staff will look into the Markham rest stop to see if it can be re-opened and VDOT will find out what formal action Fauquier County needs to take to initiate the request.

7. *Millwood Drive – Constance Chintall Request*

Ms. Chintall was not in attendance.

Mr. Tedeschi stated that he drove the intersection of Atlee Road and Millwood Drive. He indicated that there is poor sight distance as you approach the intersection to turn right onto Millwood Drive.

Mr. Tate agreed to add a yellow advisory sign approximately 500 feet before the intersection that alerts drivers of the intersection ahead and will look into trimming trees in the right-of-way to improve sight distance.

Mr. Eltringham would like this added to the next meeting agenda so the committee may discuss VDOT's findings with Ms. Chintall.

ACTION: VDOT will add a yellow advisory sign on Atlee Road alerting drivers of the upcoming intersection and will look into trimming trees in the right-of-way to improve sight distance.

8. *Halfway Road – Dr. Anthony Wells and Dr. Carol Evans Request*

Dr. Wells described Halfway Road as a race track, especially for motorcycles. Many accidents have occurred since the last time he attended a committee meeting. He would like a three-way stop where Landmark Road intersects with Halfway Road.

Mr. Eltringham stated that we all need to take a fresh look at this road. He has serious concerns for strictly adhering to VDOT criteria in this case where county leadership and law enforcement indications are that a three way stop is recommended.

Ms. Garreau asked the officers present about reportable accidents. Sgt. Mailler stated that a reportable accident has \$1500 or more in damage, a fatality or personal injury and this data is maintained in a DMV system shared by all state and local law enforcement. First Sergeant Acors added that you may request from the Sheriff's Department all reports of accidents that were responded to, beyond what are in the DMV system.

Mr. Eltringham asked staff to make a formal request from the committee to the Sheriff's Department for all accidents responded to on Halfway Road in the Skinkertown area, then forward the findings to Mr. Tate.

ACTION: Staff will make a formal request on behalf of the Transportation Committee to the Sheriff's Department for a list of all accidents responded to on Halfway Road in the Skinkertown area, then will forward the findings to VDOT.

9. **FAQ Brochure**

Mr. Eltringham requested staff change the last sentence under Speed Limits to "speed limits are based on strictly adhered to VDOT criteria".

Mr. Tedeschi suggested formatting the columns to have less hyphens.

Mr. Tate indicated that VDOT no longer issues Hidden Driveway signs and that should be removed from the brochure. He suggested adding the deer advisory sign.

ACTION: Staff will make the recommended changes to the brochure, place on the County's website and have printed copies available for the public.

10. *Citizens' Time*

Citizens spoke about their concern for the dangerous intersection of Blantyre Road and Route 17. They produced a petition with 237 signatures and provided it to Supervisor Granger.

Mrs. Eddy said Supervisor Granger discussed the problem with VDOT and they will be performing a study.

Mr. Eltringham requested the citizen complete the citizen request form for the Transportation Committee to have on file.

11. *Other Items*

Mrs. Eddy stated she had a great response from the State Police and County's Emergency Services Department. The Transportation Committee agendas will be provided to those agencies monthly.

Mrs. Eddy asked if the committee would like to hold an August meeting. All members agreed to attend.

Mr. Eltringham asked for an update on the regional Super NoVa Study. Mrs. Eddy said the next meeting will be August 1st.

Mr. Eltringham suggested discussing speed limits within service districts at the next meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, August 29, 2012.**